



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

(NOTE: The agenda and materials for all Kentucky Board of Education meetings can be found on the board's online materials site at: <http://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>. Also, a recording of the February 7 work session and February 8 regular session can be found at <http://education.ky.gov/KBE/meet/Pages/default.aspx>.)

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COMMENTS FROM WILLIAM "BILL" TWYMAN, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) had a special work session on February 7 to study the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and current proposals for Kentucky's new assessment and accountability system. The presentation afforded KBE members the opportunity to hear from many of the district superintendents who have served as work group and committee leaders, as well as Kentucky Department of Education staff who have overseen the re-design process.

While many of the proposed components are still being finalized, the board was pleased with its first glance at the new system. The work reflects a number of rated and reported measures for student, school, and district success and has centered on the themes of student proficiency, growth, achievement gap closure, transition readiness, opportunity and access, school improvement, and educational innovations. A new rating scale for schools and districts also is part of the overall proposal. A future KBE work session will be scheduled in the coming months to take a second look at the system, once the indicators and metrics are better defined. The board commends the work that has occurred thus far and appreciates the intentional focus that has been placed on students throughout the process.

To view the materials from the Feb. 7 work session, click on this link

(<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&PublicMeetingID=18237&Agen>

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<http://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/featured/2017/02/kbe-work-session-02072017/> - Feb. 7 Study Session.

BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON KENTUCKY'S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

During its regular meeting on February 8, the KBE was provided with an update on the findings of the School Improvement Diagnostic performed by Mass Insight Education. The report highlighted Kentucky as a national leader for establishing systems of continuous improvement. The report is based on an evaluation of the seven (7) components of the state turnaround framework, which include state policy, turnaround strategy, organizational structure, communications, resources, accountability, and human capital. The full presentation can be found at the following link:

<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>.

For more information on the report from Mass Insight Education, contact Kelly Foster at kelly.foster@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-5130, ext. 4001.

NEW SKILLS FOR YOUTH GRANT INITIATIVE UPDATE PRESENTED

Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold informed the board that Kentucky was recently selected as one of only ten (10) states to be announced as a phase two awardee of the New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Grant. The initiative is part of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Career Readiness Initiative and is sponsored by JPMorgan Chase, who has dedicated more than \$75 million towards these efforts.

The overarching goals of the the NSFY initiative aim to dramatically increase the number of students in the U. S. who successfully complete career pathways that begin in secondary school and culminate in postsecondary degrees and/or industry credentials with labor market value, as well as to catalyze transformational approaches for the design and implementation of programs and policies to increase career-readiness in a cohort of leading states and disseminate lessons learned to the rest of the country. Kentucky plans to utilize the grant funds to incentivize the creation of regional career academies across the Commonwealth, which align to the state and region's most in-demand careers.

For more information on this topic, contact Laura Arnold at laura.arnold@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-4286, ext. 4230.

2015-16 DISTRICTS OF DISTINCTION RECOGNIZED

The board was honored to recognize sixteen (16) districts that achieved the state's top rating of "District of Distinction" for the 2015-16 academic year. This is quite an accomplishment because in order to receive this designation, a district must:

- *Score at the 95th percentile or higher on the Overall Score consisting of the measures of achievement, gap, growth, college and career readiness and graduation rate*
- *Meet its current year AMO*
- *Meet the 95% participation rate*
- *Have a graduation rate above 60% for the prior two years*

- *Not have a Focus or Priority School in the district*

These districts are Anchorage Independent, Ballard County, Beechwood Independent, Calloway County, Carter County, Corbin Independent, Cumberland County, East Bernstadt Independent, Floyd County, LaRue County, Lee County, Murray Independent, Oldham County, Paintsville Independent, Rockcastle County, and Taylor County. Taylor County is the one district noted as a High Progress District, which means that they are among those districts making the highest progress in the state by being in the top 10 percent of improvement.

For more information on this recognition, contact Leslie Slaughter at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4808 or via email at leslie.slaughter@education.ky.gov.

RECOGNITION OF THE KENTUCKY PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHING FINALISTS AND WINNERS

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 mathematics and science (including computer science) teaching. Established by Congress in 1983, the PAEMST program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. Awards are given to mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

The following Kentucky teachers were recognized at the February 8 board meeting for achieving this high honor:

2014 PAEMST winners

Gina Kimery, Mathematics 2014 PAEMST Winner, Farmer Elementary (Jefferson County)
Vivian Bowles, Science 2014 PAEMST Winner, Kit Carson Elementary (Madison County)

2015 PAEMST winners:

Christine Bickett, Mathematics 2015 PAEMST Winner, North Bullitt High School (Bullitt County)
Carly Baldwin, Science 2015 PAEMST Winner, Boyd County High School (Boyd County)

2016 Kentucky PAEMST Finalists for Mathematics: *(These finalists await a press release by the President of the United States' Press Office that will announce the mathematics winners for 2016.)*
Shannon Brickler, Mathematics 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Dry Ridge Elementary School (Grant County)
Caryn Smith, Mathematics 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Hunter Hills Elementary School (Laurel County)
Tonda Thompson, Mathematics 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Albany Elementary School (Clinton County)

2016 Kentucky PAEMST Finalists for Science: *(These finalists await a press release by the President of the United States' Press Office that will announce the science winners for 2016.)*
Natasha Craft, Science 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Pulaski Elementary School (Pulaski County)
Jennifer Sheffield, Science 2016 PAEMST Finalist, 212° Academy for Gifted & Talented Students
Karen VanMetre, Science 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Grayson County Middle School (Grayson County)

For more information on these awards, contact Robin Hill at (502) 564-2106, ext. 4130 or via email at robin.hill@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the November 28, 2016, Study Session and December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting
- Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Policy Adoptions and Amendments
- 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum Nutritional Standards for Foods and Beverages Available on Public School Campuses During the School Day; Required Nutrition and Physical Activity Reports (Second Reading)
- Waiver Request for Clark County School District Related to Construction Project Size Limitations set forth in Section 304 of the School Facilities Manual, Incorporated by Reference into 702 KAR 4:180 and 702 KAR 4:160
- District Facility Plans for Beechwood Independent, Danville Independent and Harlan County School Districts
- District Facility Plan Amendment for Warren County
- 2016-17 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- Selection of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award Winners
- Attendance of three to four board members to the State Boards of Education Ideas Exchange in West Virginia to occur in April with expenses paid by the ARCC
- Creation of the David Karem Award

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Spotlight on Innovation: Kentucky's iLEAD Academy
- New Skills for Youth Grant Initiative
- KBE Vision Statement and Goals
- Process for Developing the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan Governed by KRS 7A
- Legislative Update
- Status Update on State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent
- Status Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties
- Hearing Officer's Report on Regulations
- KDE Employment Report (All offices except the Office of Career and Technical Education)
- KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education only)

KBE MEETING DATES FOR 2017 AND 2018

KBE Meeting Dates for 2017

April 12, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 7, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 2-3, 2017	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 3-4, 2017	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 6, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates for 2018

February 7, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 11, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 6, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 1-2, 2018	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 2-3, 2018	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 5, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on meeting dates, contact Leslie Slaughter at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4808 or via e-mail at leslie.slaughter@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the February 7, 2017 work session and February 8, 2017 regular meeting, conducted in Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, 300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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